



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2004-010

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ZIA SUN SYMBOL TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico flag depicting the Zia sun symbol was adopted in 1925 by Governor Arthur T. Hannett; and

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Zia believes that the sun symbol originated with the Zia people and;

WHEREAS, the symbol has significant religious and cultural meaning to the Pueblo of Zia that should be recognized and respected; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico and the Pueblo of Zia both seek to resolve any differences that may exist surrounding the state flag and the State's use of the sun symbol; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Mexico has adopted a policy of working with Indian tribes and pueblos in the State of New Mexico on a government-to-government basis; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby establish the Zia Sun Symbol Task Force as follows:

1. The Task Force shall be composed of eight (8) members. The Governor shall appoint the members as follows:
 - a. Two of the members shall be based on the recommendation of the Governor of the Pueblo of Zia;
 - b. One member shall be the Secretary of the Economic Development Department or his designee;
 - c. One member shall be the Secretary of the Office of Indian Affairs or his designee;
 - d. One member shall be from the Governor's Office Staff;
 - e. One members shall be a representative of the Town of Bernalillo; and
 - f. Two members shall be non-Indians and citizens of New Mexico.

2. The membership is encouraged to seek input from other state agencies and officials as deemed necessary, including the State Film Office and Commission and the State Tourism Department, as well as local government officials who may be impacted by any recommendation of the Task Force;
3. The term of office of each member shall be from the date of appointment until 20 days after adjournment of the next regular session of the Legislature in 2005;
4. The Governor shall appoint the Chair of the Task Force prior to the first meeting;
5. Members of the Task Force shall serve voluntarily and without compensation;
6. The duty of the Task Force shall be to recommend to the Governor a proposed solution to the controversy surrounding the Zia sun symbol and the New Mexico State Flag by 20 days after adjournment of the next regular session of the Legislature in 2005;
7. The Task Force shall meet no less than twelve (12) times before its expiration;
8. The Task Force shall consider the proposal of the Pueblo of Zia which was presented to Governor Richardson on February 28, 2003, as well as any other proposals for resolving the sun symbol issue, including any proposed legislation;
9. For purposes of conducting business, a majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum; and
10. The Task Force may adopt rules and bylaws as are necessary to perform its functions.

THIS ORDER supersedes Executive Order No. 2003-31 and any other previous orders, proclamations, or directives in conflict. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.

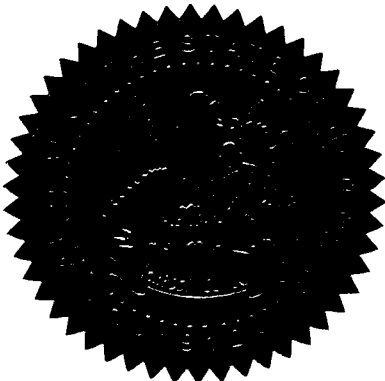
ATTEST:



REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS
15TH DAY OF MARCH, 2004

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO



BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR